POWERS AGREE AS TO MOROCCO

Great Conference Ends With Peace Assured.

AND FRANCE COMES OUT AHEAD.

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POLITICAL EFFECT

France a winner over Germany in the great international contest.

She secures a free hand in Morocco, subject to certain restrictions for the years.

She gets more shares in the Morocco State Bank to each nation allotted 20%.

Reconciliation between France and Germany undermines dominion.

Germany brought to recognize that France has many friends in Europe.

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Germany claims to have secured equal trade in Morocco, and to have obtained the open door.

The powers generally regard the Anglo-French agreement as a guarantee of international peace.

Algeciras (By Cable).—After a plenary session lasting until 6 o'clock P. M. the conference on Moroccan reforms registered a complete success and appointed a committee to embody this accord in a protocol. The exact wording and summation of the work in the conference was announced in the following official communique:

The conference has terminated its labors and secured a satisfactory result at all points. It has adopted a definite text for the remaining articles governing the state bank and customs. The final article, regulating the distribution of police posts, is adopted from the Russian draft.

By it France will police four Atlantic ports—Mogador, Saffi, Mazgran and Rabat—and Spain two—Tetuan and Larache. France and Spain together will police Tangier and Casablanca, subject to an inspector of police. The French delegate announced that his government declined to appoint an officer. The conference has appointed a special committee to revise the texts of the agreements. This committee will meet Monday to consider the final formalities of the protocol.

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LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

DOMESTIC

A petition declaring that "intolerable wrongs are being perpetrated in the Congress, regional, and appeal to the executive and members of the Massachusetts legislature, was forwarded to President Roosevelt and the Massachusetts legislature from all points in the state.

Captain Roosevelt will order a troop of cavalry, two companies of infantry and one battery of artillery to participate in the celebration of the Mecklenburg, N. C., Declaration of Independence.

Captain Joseph A. Turner, of the Fifteenth cavalry, and Miss Ethel Agnes Hardy were married at the National Bank of Commerce, in New York, last night, followed by a wedding breakfast at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children, arrived at Fernandina, Fla., and will spend a month there for a visit to her brother, Douglas Robinson.

Mrs. Richard Jerome declares that the contributions of insurance companies to political purposes is illegal and improper, and will be investigated.

Joseph Welles, stealing woman with whom he eloped from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Indianapolis, following an operation for appendicitis.

Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, Lady Grey and Lady Evelyn Grey returning New York.

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Indignation Among the Families of the Lost Miners at the Failure to Search the Colleries More Thoroughly—For Days the Survivors Never Ceased Their Eyes and Lived Upon Bereavement and Hay.

Lens, France (By Cable).—Thirteen of the 1,200 miners who were entombed in the coal mines at Courrieres 26 days ago were taken from the mine alive and well Friday. They had lived on hay found in one of the underground stables and the morsels of food which they took into the mine with them during the three weeks ago. All attempts to rescue the entombed men had been abandoned more than two weeks ago. Five or six others are believed to be alive in the mines.

A gang of salvagers had just completed their night's work in the mine and had started to see a group of miners, terribly haggard and exhausted, emerge from a remote part of Pit No. 3. The strongest of the party said they had broken into a series of galleries where they had been entombed since the disaster.

The rescued men were taken up in the elevator, but were unable to walk on the level ground alone. They at once asked for news of relatives and friends and were home again.

The doctors, however, prevented them with difficulty from rushing to the pithead crowds besieged the mines in the hope of hearing of further escapes, necessitating the calling out of a strong police force and detachments of troops to maintain order.

It is said that others of the entombed men have been found and that they are alive, but their signals having been broken.

One of the men rescued, a man named Nemy said that for the first eight days the party ate the bark of the timbering of the mine. Later they found the decomposed body of a horse, which they cut up and ate with hay. The survivors had brought up portions of the decomposed horse meat.

Nemy, who was the most lucid of the miners who escaped, graphically described their imprisonment as follows:

"After the explosion I grouped my way about, stumbling over bodies and seeking refuge from the gases. I found some comrades sheltered in a remote niche. We ate earth and bark for eight days, and then these provisions gave out. We continued to grope among the bodies seeking for an outlet from our prison, but were forced back time and time again. We found that the level which we ate, and two days after we found a dead horse, which we cut up and ate with the hay and bark. We suffered most from want of water. Finally we became desperate and separated into three parties and communicated with each other by shouts.

"Last night we left a draft of fresh air, which finally led us to the opening."

The families of the miners are intensely indignant. They claim that salvage operations were never undertaken in the Pit No. 3 mine, and that, in examining him and declaring him to be a "railroad" servant.

Lightning struck the Latter-Day Saints' Church in Carson, Ia., and killed Rev. Mr. Lentz, pastor of the church.

Will was announced in Pittsburg, that Miss Margaret Logue Magee, of that city, was to marry Baron Reidl de Riedenau, an attache of the Austrian Legation at Rome.

The government is withholding more than $5,000, which is due Anne E. Ruffner of Hurley, Ulster County, N. Y. until the appointment of her person and estate is appointed.

The residence of Julius Hawthorne, the novelist, at Yonkers, N. Y., was partly burned and the family alarmed at midnight. Escaping in night clothes.

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LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Changes in Immigration Bill.

Senator Dillingham submitted the report of the Committee on Immigration on his bill amending the immigration laws. The changes from the present law are numerous. The head tax on incoming aliens is increased from $2 to $5, and charges against the alien of not less than $200 for bringing to the United States any person prevented from entering for reason of afflictions of mind or body. The present law only provides for such cases of aliens afflicted with loathsome or contagious diseases.

The bill changes the causes of aliens now excluded by law all imbeciles, feebleminded persons, persons who are mentally or physically defective, such defect being of a nature which may affect the immigrant's ability to earn a living; children under 16 years, unless accompanied by parents or guardians; the provisions excluding polygamists, criminals and prostitutes.

The head tax is imposed on aliens in transit, except in certain cases, and is also applied to the cases of those officially coming to the United States overland from foreign countries for that purpose. Transportation companies be required to furnish lists of passengers before departure from the United States.

To aid in promoting the distribution of aliens among the various States and territories desiring settlers the bill establishes a division of information and work in the Bureau of Immigration. Information concerning desirable localities will be collected and distributed among admitted aliens, and states and territories may appoint commissioners to co-operate with immigration stations for the purpose of indicating aliens to settle there.

Cruise of the Roosevelts.

Mrs. Roosevelt accompanied by her children—Ethel, Archie and Quentin—and Secretary Loeb's wife and Secretary Loeb's maid, left Washington for Pensacola, Fla., on the Florida Limited Friday. A division of duties for the children they will board the Mayflower for a cruise of about 10 days in the Gulf waters. Mrs. Roosevelt is taking the trip for the purpose of securing a rest, and does not expect to be entertained by the people either in Cuba or Porto Rico.

The Betsy Ross House.

Chairman Bartholdt, of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, was told by John Quincy Adams, of Philadelphia, that the latter desired to give the government the Betsy Ross home in Philadelphia, and that a bill would be introduced to that end.

Confirmed by the Senate.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations:

George Eugene Eager, Illinois, consul at Barmen, Germany; James W. Johnson, New York, consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela; James E. B. Stuart, collector of customs, district of Virginia; W. Walker B. Hill, New Hampshire, Indian inspector (irrigation engineer).

Government officials favor an international conference to settle questions in regard to the Panama canal, citing recent confusion and lack of news in the Panama revolt as evidence of the necessity for a centralized supervision.

Secretary Root asks for an appropriation of $5,000 for the expenses of the delegates to the second peace conference at The Hague in June.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has asked the Baltimore and Ohio for information regarding coal mines along the line of the corporation.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds agreed to report a public building bill carrying appropriations as follows:

Former Governor General Luke E. Wright, of the Philippines, took the oath of office as member of the Cabinet.

Associate Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, refuses to discuss a statement that he will resign.

The House passed the Lighthouse Appropriation bill, the total Appropriations carrying $30,000,000.

The bill to permit Chinese students, merchants and officials to enter this country was the subject of a hearing by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Arguments were made before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the charges brought by Mr. Hearst against the Standard Oil Company.

The President submitted to the House the report of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, and Judicial Appropriations by ex-Consul Generals Goodnow and Mr-Ginty, and Consul Wilkinson.

During the consideration of the Five Civilized Tribes bill in the House the Choctaw Indians accused of trying to get control of the coal lands in the Indian Territory.

Consideration of a bill to give protection to the pure food law was postponed until the under the trade-mark laws was given by the House Committee on Patents.

The President Roosevelt has given to the War Department Museum a piece of log from Admiral Grant's cabin near St. Louis.

The President has decided to reappoint Henry B. F. MacFarland one of the commissioners of the District of Columbia.

The House agreed to the conference report on the bill to define and punish baiting at Annapolis.

Secretary Taft was before the Senate Committee on Appropriations in favor of the Army Appropriation Bill.

Secretary Charles J. Bonaparte has declined to accept the resignation of Major Shipman Meriwether.

The bodies of the House Ways and Means Committee to take up tariff revision was the subject of a colloquy in the House between Chairman Payne and Payne.

A committee of bankers was before the House Committee on Commerce to urge legislation to make bills of lading more valuable as negotiable instruments.

M. Mollard, of Paris, not satisfied with the usual grafting adopted by floriculturists in the Riviera, the drivers were greedy. It is said he has succeeded in turning a fine art into a poison.

In the Wisconsin zinc fields there are 13 magnetic separation plants in operation and it is said that this use of electromagnetism is greatly increasing the yield of zinc in that district.

One of the great factors in opening up Korea to trade is the building of a system of railroads through the hermit nation by the Japanese.

ANOTHER TACK JEROME TAKES

He Now Asks For a Special Grand Jury.

HE EXPLAINS TO THE COURT.

Will Have Aid of Mr. Hughes' Assistant in Ferreting Out Criminal Charges From the Evidence Supposed to be Accumulating Committee—Both Houses of the Legislature Have Now Passed the Bill.

New York, (Special)—District Attorney Jerome made a new move in the insurance situation. He applied in person to Justice Dowling in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court for a special panel of grand jurors to be sworn in in May.

This new jury, Mr. Jerome announces, will investigate the disclosures made by the Armstrong Committee.

Justice Dowling signed the order. The list of General Sessions during May is expected to be made up of the grand jury and charges that body. Justice Dowling thought a moment and then said he would take the matter under advisement and give a decision later. Mr. Jerome then left the court room and action after having consulted with Justice O'Gorman, who will be sitting in the Criminal branch during the term of the criminal branch during the May term.

Justice Dowling asked if the jury was to take up nothing but insurance matters, but Mr. Jerome said that it was not probable to be the only duty, but added it would be the principal matter to be under the order.

Mr. Jerome's action was partly due, it is understood, to the fact that Matthew Fleming, who assisted Charles E. Hughes in the insurance investigation, has returned from a vacation and is ready to go on the District Attorney's staff.

Albany, N. Y., (Special)—The Assembly passed unanimously the bill of the Armstrong insurance investigating committee, which postpones until November 15 the annual election of officers and trustees of the New York Life, Mutual and New York Mutual Reserve of New York and Equitable Society of Binghamton and terminates on that date the tenure of office of the present directors and trustees and prescribes that at the election of their successors no proxy shall be valid if executed prior to September 15.

The bill, which passed the Senate by a unanimous vote, in the Assembly was substituted for the identical Assembly measure on the order of third reading. By this means it gained a place on the Assembly calendar. The bill now goes to the Governor in time for him to make it a law in time to postpone the election of the New York Life, which otherwise would be held April 9. No doubt of his prompt approval is entertained.

HIS HEART HAD SLIPPED.

Unusual Experience of a Hungarian Who Died of Pleurisy.

Buffalo, N. Y., (Special)—Andrew Joe, a Hungarian, 46 years old, died at the home of Mrs. Tonwanenda, After having lived for seven years his heart shifted to the right side. Death took him and the doctors could not find the organ, for the heart performed its functions in the opposite portion of its pleurisy. This disease caused an accumulation of gas, and it is believed that the collecting of this gas caused the heart from the left to the right side of the body. The autopsy was performed at the Buffalo General Hospital two weeks ago. Pleurisy set in and he is unsuccessful. Had he lived, the physicians say, his heart would have caused him no trouble, as nature would have shifted back to its normal position.

Killed Both Women.

Ruger, Texas, (Special).—Near Conchee, eight miles south of here, a Mexican named Ramon overtook a vehicle containing two young women and a baby. Ramon climbed into the rear of the buggy and shot the baby and one of the women, causing instant death. The horse became frightened and began to run away. Ramon pursued the vehicle and shot the other woman dead. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause. The murdered women were daughters of Alex. M. Ruffner, a prominent Uvalde County, Officers are searching for Ramon.

Fatality at the Capitol.

Washington, D. C., (Special).—Mrs. Mary C. Wallace, of Denver, was fatally injured by falling from the marble balustrade ring of the Capitol by attempting to leave the car while it was in motion. Mrs. Wallace died in the Emergency Hospital. Mr. She was caught between the Senate and House cars and fell to the ground, striking on the head. An ambulance conveyed her to the Casualty Hospital, but in the meantime she was treated by Senator Gallinger.

The Castellane Divorces.

Paris, (By Cable) — The adjourned hearing of the Castellane divorce proceedings set for August 31 has been postponed until April 26. Judge Bertin, the presence of the Countess Anna at Biarritz, where she is taking the waters, and is engaged in an electoral campaign. The decree of divorce will be granted unless the parties to determine on the future husband and financial phases of the case before the court presumably on the latter date.

Suicide of a Gunner's Mate.

New York, (Special)—Henry Thompson, a gunner's mate who had served seven years in the United States Navy, was found dead from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head in the rear of the navy yard, Brooklyn. An examination of the body by a surgeon from the Naval Hospital showed that Thompson had shot himself about 2 o'clock in the morning. The pistol was found by his side. Thompson had probably been dead about 20 hours. The range had been closed on Saturday and Sunday, and Thompson had probably been there on Sunday morning to kill himself.

For a Fruit Exchange.

Martinsburg, W. Va. (Special)—Fruit growers of Morgan, Jefferson and Berkeley Counties have decided to organize a fruit exchange for the Eastern Panhandle of the state, with headquarters in Martinsburg. The object will be to have an office through which negotiations for the sale of the output of the orchards of the three counties may be conducted, and also to buy the fruit from those who are forced to sell early and hold it until the highest prices are reached. The output of the orchards of these counties last year reached about $425,000.

QUEEN OF BATTLESHIPS.

The New Jersey Maintains Her Fine Speed Record.

Boston, (Special)—The performance of the battleship New Jersey in maintaining a speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance test off the New England coast, coupled with her remarkable speed over a measured mile at Rockland, Me., at a 19.48-knot-an-hour gait, places this product of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at the head of all American-built battleships, so far as speed is concerned.

It was ascertained on her standardization trial off Rockland that an average revolution left per propeller of 125.53 per minute was sufficient to drive the 16,000-ton battleship through the water at her contract speed of 19 knots an hour. Thursday her average revolutions per minute reached 127.07, and from these figures she made an average of 19.48 knots an hour, compared with 19.05 made by the Rhode Island, and 19.04 by the Virginia, sister ships, at their official trials last year.

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MILLION DESTITUTE JAPANESE.

Complete Crop Failures Throughout Several Provinces.

Tokio, (By Cable)—The latest statistics procurable from the three prefectures most heavily affected by the famine are as follows:

Fukushima—A complete failure of the crops over two-thirds of the whole cultivated area. The sufferers number 483,488, out of a total population of 1,150,958.

Miyagi—A complete crop failure affects fourth of the cultivated area. The sufferers number 284,866, out of a population of 806,000.

Iwate—A total failure of the crops over nearly two-thirds of the cultivated area. The sufferers number 450,000, out of a population of 745,027.

The sufferers from the prefectures mentioned are only those requiring immediate relief in the matter of food and clothing. The other prefectures are also more or less affected, especially Gumma. The total number of sufferers calling for aid exceeds 2,000,000. Assistance, both private and official, is being organized throughout the impecunities of the occasion.

Thirty-Two Horses Cremated.

Bradford, Pa., (Special)—The explosion of a gasoline tank on a wagon which destroyed a large part of the town of Kane, near here, entailing a loss of $8,4,000 with very little insurance. The fire started in the livery stable of Erickson & Johnson, and cremated 32 horses after gant places this product of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at the head of all American-built battleships, so far as speed is concerned.

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Condemned Men to Be Shot.

El Paso, Tex., (Special).—The Supreme Court of Mexico has affirmed the sentence of death against Richardson, Mackenzie and Hall, the three Americans who murdered Mitchell and Devers at Chihuahua several years ago, in order to collect insurance on their lives. They will be shot unless Governor Creel pardons them.

FINANCIAL

The Atchison has brought this week 90,000 tons of steel rails.

There have been exported this crop year over 100,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Morgan brokers express bullish sentiments on the immediate course of stocks.

Bradstreet's reports a gain in corn exports.

Joseph Cassidy, aged two years, the famous shortstop of the Philadelphia American League team, died in Chester, Pa., from hemorrhage of the brain as a result of a fall.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Lona chibwomen are reported the passage of a child-labor bill in the State Legislature.

The Dowager Empress of Russia contributed $50,000 to the famine relief fund.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt will appear in Boston in a number of her various little supersticious.

Miss Ethel Barrymore will appear on the police force. She is 5 feet 10 inches tall, both young and good looking.

Mrs. Hannah Lamb, aged 100 years old, died in Lenox, N. Y. recently. She was the oldest woman in the county.

It is said that a syndicate of wealthy young grooms, reaches the age of 21, will be established in Paris.

By means of rope ladders, and his fellow-servants were heard to whisper terror-stricken:

"How may we bind him? It is Cosma Racoare, the invincible."

"Ye wretches," she shrieks, and in her fury attacks Cosma then the latter says: "God be with you."

As if waking from a dream, Nicola then remembers: "The same with thee."

"Thou knowest what I ask of thee; well, then, what is thy price? Will fifty ducats satisfy you?"

"Yes," answers Cosma.

"Then you shall receive money pouch——"

"No, not yet; when I shall have accomplished my task you can pay me. I bring you the woman, you pay me the money."

So saying, Cosma walked into the garden, wrapped his cloak about him and threw himself on the grass.

"Thus waits the night man for my work; a weight is lifted off my heart," murmurs Nicola.

Slightly frightened at the delay, he calls out: "It is I, Cosma Racoare, then."

A light is seen flitting by, then the sound of voices, and at last the bolts are withdrawn. He finds the house door open. A woman-servant, black-haired, tall and handsome; yet in these surroundings almost sublime in repose of him.

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"I came to carry you off, and take you to Nicola Zamfride," answered Cosma.

"So this is thy errand!" she said scornfully. "Beware that the fate of Nicola do not befall thee."

Cosma draws nearer, gives a slight twist to her head, and the weapon falls to the ground. She shrinks back in fear, and calls out: "Gabriel, Nicola, Evander, help!" They come no further than the entrance. Cosma lays hold of her arm, but she frees herself and snatches a dagger from a table.

"You that are ye gaping at, ye cowards! Come and bind him!"

Men are wasting words, fair lady, I admire your courage, but it avails you naught."

Then the servants were heard to

"How may we bind him? It is Cosma Racoare, the invincible."

"Ye wretches," she shrieks, and in her fury attacks Cosma; then the latter says: "God be with you."

As if waking from a dream, Nicola then remembers: "The same with thee."

"Thou knowest what I ask of thee; well, then, what is thy price? Will fifty ducats satisfy you?"

"Yes," answers Cosma.

"Then you shall receive money pouch——"

"No, not yet; when I shall have accomplished my task you can pay me. I bring you the woman, you pay me the money."

So saying, Cosma walked into the garden, wrapped his cloak about him and threw himself on the grass.

"Thus waits the night man for my work; a weight is lifted off my heart," murmurs Nicola.

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